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This is an interim report of what is currently known, or believed, of the ancestry and history of the Kershaw County, South Carolina, Branch of the Rush family. As background, the handed-down stories indicate that this branch of the Rush family came originally from Germany but with an intervening span of several generations in England before coming to America prior to the Revolutionary War. Other stories, as well as personal observations, give the following insights into the more pronounced family characteristics: that their forbears were people of rather large physical stature; peace loving by nature; were responsive to needs of neighbors; believed in the work ethic; had some initiative; and that they were church-going folk.

\* John D. Rush, b. 12-9-1897, Camden, S. C.; grad. Camden High School, 1915; BS Clemson, 1919; MS Univ. Term., 1940; grad. studies Univ. Wis., and USDA Grad School, Washington, D. C.; 10 years newspaper work; several years teacher; 25 years with BAE, USDA, agricultural economist; Publications listed in Library of Congress; Retired October 1964; Current address 1956 East Main Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29302.

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No doubt many of our cousins in America, originally from Germany and the lowlands of Western Europe, had their names Anglicized at ports of entry in America. This explains why the original spelling of the name, such as Rusche, Ruch, Russ, etc., all came out neatly English in Rush. Genealogists have gone on record in saying that although the spelling differs by Nationality, the evidence so far adduced indicates that it is the same family. If, through the years, each generation had done its home work, we would have a better appreciation of the tie that really binds this very populous family.

One who commits himself to the writing, even of a small cross-sectional report of a family line, is overwhelmed by the permutations that keep cropping up. For example if one looks back for twenty generations, he finds that he has had more than a million ancestors, 20 of the Rush line, but the remainder, unless there were intermarriages, of other surnames that would take a computer to tabulate. As an illustration, I have had 62 parents in 5 prior generations: 5 from the Rush family; 5 from the West family; 4 from the Young family; 4 from the Thorne family; 3 from the Hogan family; 3 from the Hough family; 3 from the Randle family; 2 from the Kershaw family; 1 from the Deason family; and 32 from families whose surnames are unknown.

A part of the purpose of this sketch was to find members of the family who had made some contribution to their generation. But so far this has only been a hope. But even a hope assumes substance in dreams. And even if these dreams never come true



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they have their dimensions. When my brother, William W. Rush, Probation Officer for the Federal Court of the Western District in South Carolina, was in the Veterans Hospital in Columbia, S. C., he was thrown with Leonardo Andreo, a Travelers Rest genealogist, who related to him that his research had connected Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain) with the Rush family, through his grandmother, apparently Elizabeth Rush (1768-\_\_\_\_\_), daughter of Peter and Catherine Rush, born in Charleston, S. C., who married a Wilson of Kershaw County, S. C. The Sherman Diary in the S. C. Historical Society depository, indicates that Elizabeth Rush was baptized (christened) in St. Philips Protestant Episcopal Church, December 26, 1768.

From their first home in Charleston, members of our family moved about the turn of the Century (1800) to West Wateree in the Western edge of Kershaw County. There on Bear Creek they established a home located between Blaney and Longtown. When this place was visited by the author in 1924 with his sisters, Olga and May, we only located a graveyard with a single tombstone to William Archileous Rush, who died in his youth, and about 100 yards East an elm tree growing among the pines with several piles of native rock that had been used for pillars and a chimney for the homestead. Nature had taken back the clearings that had provided farmlands more than a century before. Under any circumstances, however, this was a sacred spot for a direct descendent of those who had eked out a living there. There, at least, was a trace of the old road they had also trod, and the same stream hardby flowed on that had and will flow on for time immemorial.

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Known generations of the Kershaw County, S. C. Branch are listed as follows: G.1. - Peter Rush, Sr. (1733-1810). He was listed as head of a family of 5 sons and 4 daughters in St. Philips and St. Michael's Parish, Charleston, S. C. District, in the 1790 Census. His wife was Catherine. The Sherman Diary lists names of three children baptized in St. Philips Church: daughter, Elizabeth, December 26, 1768; son, John, December 4, 1771; and son, Samuel, March 20, 1775. An undocumented reference was that Peter and Frederick (1707c-1784) were loyal to the English Crown. Perhaps research would find that this Frederick, who owned land in South Carolina, but died in St. Augustine, Florida, was perhaps two generations ahead of Peter. Also Peter was listed as a yeoman. A footnote on the family status is noted in the saying that arose in early Charleston: "That if you have an impending marriage, go to St. Philips, but if you have an impending funeral, go to St. Michael's." Manuscript Grants in the Columbia, S. C. Library, p.107, indicate that Peter Rush obtained a land grant of 200 acres in Kershaw County, S. C., on Bear Creek February 7, 1803. As John Rush was listed in the 1800 Census in Kershaw County, it is assumed that Peter moved from Charleston to Kershaw County about the turn of the Century.

G.2. - John Rush (1771-1828), born in Charleston, christened in St. Philips Church December 4, 1771. This name was listed in the 1800 Census in Kershaw District, S. C., along with a brother, Samuel, but other names of these families were not listed. Our ancestor, John Rush helped considerably to document

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this genealogical report. He started a family notebook, principally listing births and deaths of members, which was the source for names and precise dates. From John Rush the notebook passed to his son, Emanuel B. Rush, then to the latter's daughter, Rachael, who was the second wife of Hiram Nettles, a sergeant in the Confederate Army. Thence it was passed on to Janie Nettles, who married J. Fletcher Bateman. A recent search for the notebook failed to reveal its whereabouts.

John Rush died intestate and a disposition of his property in 1828 confirms the family story that he was a suicide on his farm in the Bear Creek Section of Kershaw County in the Spring of 1828.

Children of John and Susannah Rush were: Peter W. Rush (1796-1852); Elizabeth Rush (1798-1854); John Wilson Rush (1800-\_\_\_\_); Emanuel B. Rush (1803-1848); and Saly Rush (1807-\_\_\_\_). Marginal notations in the John Rush family notebook include this reference:

"Milos, the servant of E. B. Rush was born the 4th of March 1835; Juda was born 4-12-1840; and Samuel was born 4-12-1843; Juda had two girls."

G.3. - Emanuel B. Rush (1803-1848). He had an abnormal body development, was short-legged but with a full-length and developed body trunk. Handed-down stories were that he was both mentally and physically alert and active. My grandmother Rush (Mattie Young Rush) said that he often bragged that he could turn around twice while the average person was turning around once. He owned several slaves and was moderately affluent for his generation. He married Elizabeth Hogan of a

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rather proud Irish family. A daughter, Mary Ann Rush, felt the sting of her mother's disapproval of her marriage to a tenant farmer named Kelly, that, as a result, she pined away and died, according to in-family talk. It is supposed that Emanuel is buried in the family cemetery plot near Blaney and near Smyrna Meeting House in West Wateree.

Children of Emanuel B. and Elizabeth Hogan Rush were: Sanders Hogan Rush (1827-1869) who served on the coastal defense of South Carolina during the Confederate War and died of typhoid fever at the home of his brother-in-law, Hiram Nettles; James Emanuel Rush (1829-1857); Rachael Elizabeth Rush (1831-1911), second wife of Hiram Nettles, buried in Quaker Cemetery, Camden; Susannah Jaminy Rush (1831-\_\_\_\_); William Archileous Rush (1834-\_\_\_\_), tombstone found in the old Rush family cemetery; John Jason Rush (1836-1910), the author's grandfather, m. Mattie Young, daughter of Ardlissa Randle and John Archileous Young, an affluent Irishman, who owned a water mill and 3,000 acres of land; Martha Jane Rush (1839-\_\_\_\_); Mary Ann Rush (1841-1862), m. Kelley; and Sarah I. Rush (1846-\_\_\_\_) first wife of Hiram Nettles. Lawson Bateman of Columbia, a cousin, said that his grandfather, Hiram Nettles, met and wooed Rachael Rush, but upon his return from the Confederate Army, where he served as a sergeant, to renew the former romance with Rachael found that her sister, Sarah, had grown up and blossomed out so much so that he changed his mind and married the younger sister. Later, after the death of Sarah, he married Rachael but there were no children by this latter union.

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G.4. - John Jason Rush (1836-1910). He married Martha Jane Young (1848-1915), daughter of John Archibald and Ardlissa Randle Young. Early in life he wished to become a carpenter but found farm overseeing more to his liking as well as farming in the rich terraces of the Wateree River. After a brief stint as a volunteer in the Confederate Army around Culpeper and Richmond, he returned to Camden and got a job with Col. James Chestnut overseeing about 100 slaves at Mulberry Plantation. Earlier he was overseer for Cousin Jane Wilson, widow. He was the hero of the Hocot Freshet in January 1863, rescuing a neighbor, Daniel Hocot, distiller, with whom he carried a grudge, and a negro slave marooned all night in a tree in the Wateree flood plain, when they tried to save a drove of hogs. He retired on the 400-acre tract with a water mill, inherited by the author's Grandmother Rush. He was buried in the family graveyard, about 2 miles East of Clyburn Station.

G.5. - John Emanuel Rush (1872-1933), the author's father, a farmer-mail carrier and in earlier days a schoolmaster. He was uncommonly ambitious about educating his children and all of them had at least some college education. He carried mail, starting out with a horse and buggy and died when getting ready to retire. He married Maggie West, daughter of James Franklin and Martha Thorne West. He and my mother are buried in Mt. Olivet Baptist Church cemetery. Brothers were: William Archileous Rush (1873-1954), m. first Minnie Gillis; m. 2nd Ella Pitts; John Jason Rush, Jr. (1879-1967), m. Alma Kirkland; Sanders Logan Rush (1880-1959), m. Hattie Truesdale; Walter LeMar Rush (1884-1964), m. Martha McDowell; Julian Baron Rush (1885-\_\_\_\_); m. Carrie Young; Grover Cleveland Rush (1888-1969), m. Bertha Owens;

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Sisters: Elizabeth Rush, (1875-1911c), m. John Horton; Annie Rush (1876-1955), m. Charles B. McCaskill; Clara Eugenia Rush (1877-1909), died unmarried of pellegra; Mattie Rush (1882-1958), m. Lewis Spears; and Sallie Rush (1890-\_\_\_\_\_).

G.6. - Children of John Emanuel and Maggie West Rush were: John DeWitt Rush (1897-\_\_\_\_\_), m. Gaillard Park, 11-8-1925, no children; Alger Emanuel Rush (1899-1956), m. Mary Enochs of Nashville, Tenn.; Olga Nadine Rush (1899-\_\_\_\_\_), m. Robert E. Williamson of Darlington; May Rush (1900-\_\_\_\_\_), m. Steve West, Sr., of Florence; Jason Franklin Rush (1907-1923), burned to death in Cleveland School Fire; Martie Agnes Rush (1906-\_\_\_\_\_), m. Ansley Moseley of Camden; William West Rush (1918-\_\_\_\_\_), m. Beverley Jones of Salley, current address 7 Longview Terrace, Greenville, S. C.

It is suggested that others of this generation prepare a listing of the births, marriages, and deaths of their line, which should help genealogists in picking up the threads of this family in the future.

References to family histories are: (1) "A History of the Rush Family", by Matthias Rush, 1934; (2) "David Rush and His Descendents", by Mary Jane Rush Broadwater, 1953; and (3) "Rush and Skinner Families", by Henry Spear Rush, 1943. All these listed in Library of Congress under call No. CS 71.R 952.

Through correspondence I am listing several who are interested in tracing their lines as follows:

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Benjamin F. Rush, attorney, 1528 Sixth Street, Post Office Box 428, Lake Charles, Louisiana; George Dexter Rush, Jr., Box 418, Ware Shoals, South Carolina, who traces his ancestry to Charles Rush (formerly Karl Rish) who settled in Pennsylvania in 1746 from Rotterdam, Holland; George Earle Rush, Dutton, Alabama, who was searching for courthouse records but learned that the records had been lost in a fire, somewhere in South Carolina; Dr. John Millard Rush, retired professor of Botany from Clemson University, 370 Pendleton Road, Clemson, South Carolina, who traces his ancestry back to Thomas Rosch of Remmingsheim, Germany; Mrs. LaVerne Rush (Mrs. E. M.) Moorman, 4114 Tiffany Drive, Houston, Texas; and William Isaac Rush, Post Office Box 233, Holly Hill, South Carolina, who traces his ancestry back to one of 15 brothers of an Irish Rush family, who came to South Carolina prior to the Revolutionary War.

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their and full descriptions of many genealogical aids.

This Information Obtained From:		Day Month Year		City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
U.S. census records; Miss. state censuses; Masonic records; family data.		1824		prob. Greene Co.	Miss.		Death rec
		2nd					ord from
		Mar. Dec. 1842		Jones Co.	Miss.		Masonic
		Death 1851		Jones Co.	Miss.		Abstradex
		Burial		Dickerson fam. cem., near Mosselle, MS			
Places of Residence		MS counties: Greene, Perry, Jones (1832-51)					
Occupation		Church Affiliation		Military Rec.			
Other wives, if any No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
His Father		prob. Jonathan Rush		Mother's Maiden Name		Cynthia	
Wife's Full Maiden Name		LYDIA DICKESON					
Day Month Year		City, Town or Place		County or Province, etc		State or Country	
Birth 1825		prob. Ouachita Parish, La.					
Chr'd							
Death after 1900		Washington Parish, La.					
Burial							
Compiler Carolyn T. Gantt		Places of Residence		Jones Co. MS most of her life.			
Address P. O. Box 157		Occupation if other than housewife		Church Affiliation			
City, State Canton, MS 39046		Other husbands, if any No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.					
Date 26 Feb. 1983		Her Father		Mother's Maiden Name			

Sex	Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	John Warren Rush	Birth	12 Sept. 1843	Jones Co.	MS		
	Full Name of Spouse* Hamilton	Mar.	23 Dec. 1869 (2nd)	Jones Co.	MS.		
	Margret Ann A	Death	22 Oct. 1910	Providence Church Cem., Forrest Co. MS			
		Burial					
2	Wilay Washington Rush	Birth	1845	Jones Co.	MS		
	Full Name of Spouse* Easterling	Mar.					
	Mourning Amelia A	Death	1893				
		Burial					
3	Rachel M. Rush	Birth	1848	Jones Co.	MS		
	Full Name of Spouse* James P. Creel	Mar.		After marriage, moved to Texas.			
		Death					
		Burial					
4	Evelina Louisa Rush	Birth	25 June 1850	Jones Co.	MS		
	Full Name of Spouse* dale	Mar.					
	Henry Thomas Tis-	Death	19 June 1919				
		Burial					
5	Mary E. Rush	Birth	1851	Jones Co.	MS		
	Full Name of Spouse* ---? Creel	Mar.		After marriage, moved to Texas.			
		Death					
		Burial					
6		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
7		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
8		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
9		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
10		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					

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\*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

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The records show that John W. Rush, a private, Corporal, and Sergeant of Company B, 7th Battalion, Mississippi Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted 3 May 1862 at Jones County, Mississippi. The company muster roll for January and February 1864, last on file, shows him present.

His name appears on a Register of payments which shows that he was paid 25 June 1863 for the period of service from 1 March to 30 April 1863.

Union prisoner of war records show that he was captured 16 December 1864 at Nashville, Tennessee, imprisoned at Military Prison, Louisville, Kentucky, and Camp Chase, Ohio, to which he was transferred 6 January 1865. His name appears as signature to an Oath of Allegiance to the United States subscribed and sworn to 16 May 1865 at Camp Chase, Ohio, which shows his place of residence as Jones County, Mississippi. The indorsement to said Oath shows: "Roll of Prisoners of War released at Camp Chase, O., as per G. O., No. 85 for 1865; May 16, 1865.

/s/ Edward F. Witsell  
Major General  
The Adjutant General

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Note: Seventh Battalion, Miss. Infantry, CSA; Company B was known as Beauregard's Defenders, was enlisted in Jones and Perry counties, and was assembled at Quitman, Clarke County, May 3, 1862.

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**Family Sheet No. 1**

This Information Obtained From: Despite exhaustive research and circumstantial evidence, I have no absolute proof that these people belong together. I will be delighted to supply details to anyone interested. See reverse side for main points.

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	ca	1793					No record after 1842
Chr'd							
Mar.	before	1820					
Death	after	1842					
Burial							
Places of Residence	MS; Jackson Co. 1819-20; Greene, 1822 & 1827-28						
Occupation	farmer		Church Affiliation		/Perry, -1829-30; Jones, /1832-42.		
Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
His Father	Mother's Maiden Name						
Wife's Full Maiden Name CYNTHIA (Syntha)							

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	1794-1800						Letter of "dismissal" from church 3 Dec. 1842
Chr'd							
Death	after	1842					
Burial							

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Places of Residence

Occupation if other than housewife

Church Affiliation Leaf River Baptist

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Her Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
M	1 <u>son</u> ?	Birth	bef.	1820				MS	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death	bef.	1830					
		Burial							
	2	Birth	1820-22						Lauderdale
	John H. Rush	Mar.	1842-43						tax roll
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death	after 1880			Holloway Prairie			1843
	Sarah Mabry	Burial				Rapides Parish	LA		
	3	Birth	ca	1824					Masonic Ab.
	Jeptha Rush	Mar.	Dec.	1842		Jones County	MS		stradex.
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death		1851		Moselle	Jones County	MS	Ellisville
	Lydia Dickeson	Burial							Lodge, death
	4	Birth	ca	1827			Perry County	MS	Decatur MS
	Samuel R. Rush	Mar.	ca	1846					1859-67
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
	Elizabeth	Burial							
	5	Birth	ca	1828			Perry County	MS	1850 census
	Eliza Rush	Mar.							shows 4 sis.
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							ters with
		Burial							John H.
	6	Birth	ca	1832			Jones County		Rush in
	Mathilda Rush	Mar.							Lauderdale
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death	possibly	Aug. 1853				MS	County MS
	possibly Easterling	Burial	possibly	4/28/1855			Jones or Perry Co.		
	7	Birth	ca	1835			Jones County	MS	
	Mary Rush	Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							
	8	Birth	ca	1838			Jones County	MS	
	Caroline Rush	Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							
	9	Birth							
		Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							
	10	Birth							
		Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death							
		Burial							

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NOTES RE JONATHAN RUSH FAMILY GROUP SHEET - attached

Jonathan was the only Rush in southeast Mississippi who had a son born in the 1820's. He had either three or four <sup>sons</sup>. Jephtha, my great-grandfather, was not the child of the only other Rush group in Mississippi at the time he was born (1824), the Rushes of Claiborne and Franklin Cos.

Jonathan lived in Jones County from at least 1832 to 1842. Jephtha married Lydia Dickerson of Moselle, Jones County, about December 1842 and remained there until he died in 1851.

John H. Rush is on the 1843 tax roll of Lauderdale County. He remained in Lauderdale for a number of years, but by 1860 he has a land grant in Jasper County. His four sisters were with him only in 1850.

Jephtha was said to have had a brother named Sam. Though this Samuel R. Rush was apparently married in Mississippi about 1846, he first appears on the 1853 Miss. state census, in Lauderdale County. He and his family disappear after 1867. I have not been able to find him in Louisiana or Texas.

Mathilda Easterling joined Providence Baptist Church in August 1853. Dorcas Dossett (b. 1827), whose sister Elizabeth married John W. Easterling, joined the church with her. (Mathilda joined by letter.) In December 1854 "Miss Mary Rush" was also received by letter. On 28 April 1855 "Sister Mathilda Easterling" died. On 28 July 1855 "Sister Mary Rush was granted a letter of dismission." Though it is only conjecture, I really feel that this was Mathilda Rush who married an Easterling and whose sister Mary came to stay with her after she became pregnant. When she died in childbirth, Mary left.

Caroline \_\_\_\_\_ (1837 - 1919) married, as his second wife, John A. Tisdale (1826-1902), 1st Sgt., Co. E Bn. Miss. Cavalry. They are buried in the Tisdale Cemetery (near Old Oak Bowery Cemetery), along with his first wife, Bridget \_\_\_\_\_ (1819-1860). I do not know whether this could possibly be Caroline Rush, but I hope to check it out later.

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This Information Obtained From:		Husband's Name		JONATHAN RUSH		City, Town or Place		County or Province, etc.		State or Country		Add. Info. on Husband	
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		Mar.											
		Death	bef. 1830										
		Burial											
2	John H. Rush	Birth	1820-22						Lauderdale tax roll 1843				
	Full Name of Spouse* Sarah Mabry	Mar.	1842-43										
		Death	after 1880			Holloway Prairie							
		Burial				Rapides Parish LA							
3	Jeptha Rush	Birth	ca 1824						Masonic Abstradex.				
	Full Name of Spouse* Lydia Dickeson	Mar.	Dec. 1842			Jones County	MS	Ellisville Lodge, death					
		Death	1851			Moselle Jones County	MS						
		Burial											
4	Samuel R. Rush	Birth	ca 1827				Perry County	MS	Decatur MS 1859-67				
	Full Name of Spouse* Elizabeth	Mar.	ca 1846										
		Death											
		Burial											
5	Eliza Rush	Birth	ca 1828				Perry County	MS	1850 census shows 4 sisters with John H. Rush in Lauderdale County MS				
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.											
		Death											
		Burial											
6	Mathilda Rush	Birth	ca 1832				Jones County		Rush in Lauderdale County MS				
	Full Name of Spouse* possibly Easterling	Mar.											
		Death	possibly Aug. 1853				MS						
		Burial	possibly 4/28/1855			Jones or Perry Co.							
7	Mary Rush	Birth	ca 1835				Jones County	MS					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.											
		Death											
		Burial											
8	Caroline Rush	Birth	ca 1838				Jones County	MS					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.											
		Death											
		Burial											
9		Birth											
		Mar.											
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death											
		Burial											
10		Birth											
		Mar.											
	Full Name of Spouse*	Death											
		Burial											

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Jonathan was the only Rush in southeast Mississippi who had a son born in the 1820's. He had either three or four. Jephtha, my great-grandfather, was not the child of the only other Rush group in Mississippi at the time he was born (1824), the Rushes of Claiborne and Franklin Cos.

Jonathan lived in Jones County from at least 1832 to 1842. Jephtha married Lydia Dickerson of Moselle, Jones County, about December 1842 and remained there until he died in 1851.

John H. Rush is on the 1843 tax roll of Lauderdale County. He remained in Lauderdale for a number of years, but by 1860 he has a land grant in Jasper County. His four sisters were with him only in 1850.

Jephtha was said to have had a brother named Sam. Though this Samuel R. Rush was apparently married in Mississippi about 1846, he first appears on the 1853 Miss. state census, in Lauderdale County. He and his family disappear after 1867. I have not been able to find him in Louisiana or Texas.

Mathilda Easterling joined Providence Baptist Church in August 1853. Dorcas Dossett (b. 1827), whose sister Elizabeth married John W. Easterling, joined the church with her. (Mathilda joined by letter.) In December 1854 Miss Mary Rush was also received by letter. On 28 April 1855 "Sister Mathilda Easterling" died. On 28 July 1855 "Sister Mary Rush was granted a letter of dismissal." Though it is only conjecture, I really feel that this was Mathilda Rush who married an Easterling and whose sister Mary came to stay with her after she became pregnant. When she died in childbirth, Mary left.

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Husband's Name JEPHTHA RUSH

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This Information Obtained From:		Husband's Data		Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. info. on Husband
U.S. census records; Miss. state censuses Masonic records; family data.		Birth		1824			prob. Greene Co.	Miss.		Death rec
		Chr'nd								ord from
		Mar.		Dec. 1842			Jones Co.	Miss.		Masonic
		Death		1851			Jones Co.	Miss.		Abstradex
		Burial	Dickerson fam. cem., near Mosselle, MS							
Places of Residence		MS counties: Greene, Perry, Jones (1832-51)								
Occupation		Church Affiliation								
Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.		Military Rec.								
His Father		prob. Jonathan Rush				Mother's Maiden Name		Cynthia		
Wife's Full Maiden Name LYDIA DICKISON										
Wife's Data		Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife		
Birth				1825		prob. Ouachita Parish, La.				
Chr'nd										
Death		after 1900				Washington Parish, La.				
Burial										
Compiler		Carolyn T. Gantt								
Address		P. O. Box 157								
City, State		Canton, MS 39046								
Date		26 Feb. 1983								
Places of Residence		Jones Co. MS most of her life.								
Occupation if other than housewife		Church Affiliation								
Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.		(2) (3)								
Her Father		Mother's Maiden Name								
Sex	Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children	
1	John Warren Rush	Birth	12	Sept.	1843	Jones Co.	MS			
		Mar.	23	Dec.	1869 (2nd)	Jones Co.	MS.			
		Death	22	Oct.	1910	Providence Church Cem., Forrest Co.	MS			
		Burial								
Full Name of Spouse*		Hamilton Margret Ann A								
2	Wiley Washington Rush	Birth			1845	Jones Co.	MS			
		Mar.	7							
		Death			1893					
		Burial								
Full Name of Spouse*		Easterling Mourning Amelia A								
3	Rachel M. Rush	Birth			1848	Jones Co.	MS			
		Mar.				After marriage, moved to Texas.				
		Death								
		Burial								
Full Name of Spouse*		? Creel								
4	Evelina Louisa Rush	Birth	25	June	1850	Jones Co.	MS			
		Mar.								
		Death	19	June	1919					
		Burial								
Full Name of Spouse*		dale Henry Thomas Tis-								
5	Mary E. Rush	Birth			1851	Jones Co.	MS			
		Mar.				After marriage, moved to Texas.				
		Death								
		Burial								
Full Name of Spouse*		---? Creel								
6		Birth								
		Mar.								
		Death								
		Burial								
Full Name of Spouse*										
7		Birth								
		Mar.								
		Death								
		Burial								
Full Name of Spouse*										
8		Birth								
		Mar.								
		Death								
		Burial								
Full Name of Spouse*										
9		Birth								
		Mar.								
		Death								
		Burial								
Full Name of Spouse*										
10		Birth								
		Mar.								
		Death								
		Burial								
Full Name of Spouse*										

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This Information Obtained From:		Husband's Name	JOHN RUSH				Add. Info. on Husband		
Birth	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country			
Dionne Barlow Hanne- mann, 9806 Brookview La Porte, TX 77571, a descendant. Birth dates of husband and wife preserved by family. Census records county tax rolls	1745						usually lived adjoining several Windhams		
	1833			Perry Co.	MS				
Places of Residence		MS: Greene Co. 1819; Perry, 1821 & 1827-33							
Occupation		farmer		Church Affiliation		Military Rec.			
Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.									
His Father		Mother's Maiden Name							
Wife's Full Maiden Name		Sarah F.							
Birth	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife		
1799				North Carolina			may have been a Windham		
after 1880									
Compiler		Places of Residence same as husband, except Perry 1827-1880 and after							
Address		Occupation if other than housewife							
City, State		Church Affiliation							
Date		Her Father							
		Mother's Maiden Name							
Sex	Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
F.	1 _____ Rush	Birth	1820	25				MS	On 1830 census
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
F.	2 Alethous(?) Rush	Birth	1828			Perry County		MS	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	3 Sarah Ellen Rush	Birth	1830			Perry County		MS	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	1859						
		Death	19 Mar.	1904					
	Bryant Barlow	Burial				Macedonia Community Perry	MS	Barlow Cem.	
	4 Eliza Rush	Birth	1833			Perry County		MS	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	5	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	6	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	7	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	8	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
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	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	10	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

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Glorvina Johnston Rush (12-28-1817/8-10-1892, McIntosh Methodist Cemetery) would have been c.30 years younger than Rose Reed but from age of "understanding", say around 16 years or so, she would have known Rose for c. 44 years (from 1833 until 1877 when Rose died.) Also, Glorvina Johnson Rush's brother <sup>POWELL</sup> ~~Parnell~~ Bates Johnston, had two children by Cornelia "Mollie" Weaver, daughter of James and Peggy Parnell Weaver (Isaac Johnston b-1-25-1860 and Joseph Johnston, b-6-5-1862). Glorvina was therefore related by marriage to the MOWA community and would have good knowledge of the people.

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KARL RISCH (Charles Rush) LINE OF MR. G.D. RUSH, JR., WARE SHOALS SC ROTTERDAM  
KARL RISCH (Charles Rush) to America OCT 25 1746 Ship NEPTUNE PHILA

NAME	BORN	DIED	MARRIED	BURIED
RUSH (1) Charles	GERM 1730	1806	Anna Elizabeth SUESS	ROCKINGHAM Co VA
ISSUE: John	VA 1753	1835	Anna Maria NICHOLAS	✓ Va
ANNA Elizabeth	1754	1806	Matthias LAIR	CYNTHIANA KY
George	1755	1831	MARY BUSHONG	LINCOLN Co NC
✓	✓	1831	WIDOW OF JOHN HARRY WHO DIED 1801 RICHMOND VA	FRANKLIN NC
ELIZABETH Betsey	?	1805	ELIZABETH SAYLOR HARRY	FRANKLIN NC
Peter	1763	1815	Charles named gr. dau Betsey Hanger (MRS WM. STEELE) M 6-20-1786	AUGUSTIA Co VA
RUSH (2) George	M 11-9	1782	MARY BUSHONG (1738-1799)	LINCOLN Co NC
ISSUE: Mary	VA 1784	1868	UNMARRIED	FRANKLIN NC
ELIANA → Juann	1786	1807	ELIZABETH DEBARDELEGEN	AUTAUCA Co ALA
HARLES → Charlie	1786	1850	W MRS SARAH NORMAN WALTON	TUSCEGEE ALA
Elizabeth	1786	1850	STEPHEN GRAY	FRANKLIN NC
Jonathan	1787	1870	DAU JOHN + ANNA MARIA MARGARET RUSH (Cousin) M 12-2-1818	MOSHEIM (Green Co) Tenn. TN
MARY → Polly	1789	1859	JOHN SELLERS	FRANKLIN NC
Lydia	1791	1868	M 11-7-1818 ZEBULON THOMAS	✓ IVN
Sallie	M 9-29	1814	M 9-29-1814 ISMAEL MAUNY	CHEROKEE Co NC
George	1796	1856	NICHOLAS SMITH - NAVY	POWELL KY
John	1797	1872	JANE ANDERSON - MRS	RUDDILLS MILLS KY
Jacob	1798	1854	M 11-26-1822 MARTHA M CAMP	PLAINVILLE Co. GA
RUSH (3) George	M ?	1804	M 1-7-1825 CLARISSA SHUFORD	LINCOLN Co NC
ANN	1807	1898	E.S. HARRY (?-1831)	FRANKLIN NC
ELIZABETH Ann	1809?	1836?	LEWIS VAN DYKE	Widow and children in SUMTER Co ALA 1836
WILLIAM Lovell	1809?	1836?	LEONORA M TURNER	SPARTANBURG Co SC
RUSH (4) W.L.	M ?	1830	L.M. TURNER (1810-1879)	SON ALFRED + TAMER TURNER BROWN
RAHALA ANN → Ann	1833	1903	ISHAM BROWN (COUSIN)	✓ Se
WILLIAM & TR. William	1835	1900	LOU ANNA BATES	✓ Se

Numbering copied from another chart - Number 3 was omitted.

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Footnote by Mr. Tad Rush: BOYS IN KARL RISCH FAMILY: Besides George and wives there are John and Anna Maria; Jacob 1780 ? - Catherine Dundor (Dundhoor); John (1794 - 1842) Polly Nicholas; Peter & Barbara Hanger; Peter, Jr. - George (Amelia King, dau. Rev. Wm. King) - James - David - Henry.  
Only court records on Peter, who died Augusta Co. VA. Could be something on family in Augusta Co. marriages. Peter to Augusta Co. - John remained in Rockingham Co. - George to NC 1785.

Page 2 begins here:

RUSH (6)	W. L. JR	M?	1856	L. A. BATES (1839-1916)	✓	S
Issues						
WILLIAM	Bon		1857	1917	JULIA ROBINSON	✓ S
BENJAMIN					DAV BENT BATES GAINESVILLE GA	
EDGAR	Ed	BURIED HENRY CO VA	1858	1928	NANNIE BATES →	✓ S
HOWARD						
SAMUEL	Sam		1864	1941	SARAH ISABELL PHILLIPS	✓ S
CLAUDE						
GEORGE	George		1867	1944	IDA CAROLINE ROBERTS	GREENVILLE PRES CH. S
DEXTER					DAVID BULLENT DORCAS ELIZABETH ALCEATH ROBERT	SHOALS JCT GREENWOOD S
RUSH	G. D.	M 7-29	1888	I. C. ROBERTS (1870-1969)	12 children	
#9	G. D. JR	1-19 1905-		M 7-29-1944		
		5-18		KATE SMITH	1 son	
	G. D. III	1945		UNMARRIED CAPT	USAF	

Children of Jonathan and Margaret (Rush) Rush, who d. Greene Co., Tenn. (Jonathan 1787-1870 - son of George and Mary Bushong Rush). Copied from "old German Bible" of couple, which is now in possession of Robert Rush of Midway, Tenn. Copied by Mr. G.D. Rush of Ware Shoals, S.C.

William Brightberry Rush	b. 1812	Albemarle County, Va.
Juliana Rush	1814	m. ___ Scull (to Missouri)
Mary Elizabeth Rush	1817	m. ___ Brabson (buried Green Co.) /Tenn.
John Levi Rush	1820	?
Margaret Jane Rush	1820 - 1835	
George Nimrod Rush	1824	Elizabeth Thomas - doctor, buried Franklin, N.C.
Henry Sylvester Rush	1827	Nancy C. Weems - buried Green Co.
Nancy Catherine Rush	1830	?

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KNOWN RUSH FAMILILES OF COLONIAL AMERICA

- (1) Family originating in Virginia either from the William Rush who came from England in 1635 to Westmoreland County, ~~or~~ from the William Rush said to have come to Northumberland County from England in 1650.
- (2) The family of John Rush, who came to Pennsylvania in 1687 from England, and whose descendants included Dr. Benjamin Rush who founded the medical profession in America and was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Captain John Rush served under Cromwell during England's Civil War. Two other descendants of this family about 1719 moved southward to the Northern Neck of Virginia, and some time before 1800 their descendants moved through Kentucky and Tennessee to southwestern Mississippi, settling near Port Gibson in Claiborne County.
- (3) One Pennsylvania Rush is said to have married a Miss Leonard, and from him are said to have sprung the numerous Leonard-Rushes scattered here and there throughout the South.
- (4) A David Rush, said to have come from the Mohawk Valley in New York, where his father was massacred by Indians when he was a small boy. As a patriot soldier he was so impressed with the countryside during his service in South Carolina that he returned after the Revolution to claim land there on Hard Labor Creek in Edgefield County. His wife was of German descent, probably from the Orangeburg District of South Carolina. A descendant, Mrs. Mamie Rush Broadwater, has written a book about the David Rush family and I have corresponded with her, but there apparently is no connection with the other Rushes in South Carolina.
- (5) Carl Rish, a Lutheran from Holland, arrived in Philadelphia on 25 Oct. 1746 on the ship Neptune. He changed his name to Charles Rush, and family members soon afterwards migrated to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia (Augusta and Rockingham counties) and subsequent generations lived in Lincoln County NC, Jackson County, Ga., and also in Alabama. A CHART OF HIS DESCENDANTS IS ATTACHED. The John Rush who married Martha Camp in Jackson County in 1822 descends from Carl Risch.

Ms. A. 9. 2  
C. 1. 1  
R. 1. 1



Moss Point Advertiser

RUSH FILE

Fri, Feb 22, 1929

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 17.—Lamont Rowlands, Picayune millionaire lumberman, who headed the state campaign for the Republican party in the recent political election, will supplant Perry W. Howard, negro Republican national committeeman, as Mississippi's referee of federal patronage in this state when Herbert Hoover is inaugurated president. It is reported in well-informed Republican circles.

Thus the destiny of more than 1,000 federal job holders, ranging from rural mail carriers on up to that of internal revenue collector, in addition to the naming this year of approximately 1,800 census takers, will pass from the whims of a negro to those of a white man for the first time in eight years.

Rowlands left Mississippi last night for Washington, where he will confer with Republican leaders prior to the advent of the new administration. He refused to discuss his plans at this time, expressing a desire to await his return from Washington before making a statement.

#### May Quit Business.

The South Mississippi business man, it is known, and L. O. Crosby, his partner in the lumber business, have been conducting negotiations for weeks whereby Rowlands would be relieved of some of his business interests, so that he could devote more of his time to party affairs, and announcement is expected between now and March 4 of the severance of the partnership between the two men.

There are persistent reports in Mississippi that withdrawal by Rowlands, a close friend of the president-elect, from active business is preparatory to his acceptance of an important position either in Washington or on a flood rehabilitation commission, under the Hoover administration.

Howard, notwithstanding his indictments in connection with alleged patron sales and his acquittal of one of the charges, has maintained his hold of patronage in Mississippi under the Coolidge administration, and probably will be continued, as boss until Hoover goes into office. Only recently, following a senatorial probe of patronage affairs in Mississippi, Postmaster General New was quick to come to the defense of the negro politician.

#### Must Face New Charge.

Another patronage case involving Howard is scheduled to go on trial in Meridian next month. The Howard faction in the Republican party declare they do not believe the trial will take place, but the Rowlands faction are just as confident that the negro national committeeman is again to face a federal jury in Mississippi.

The Hoover Republicans, who lost their fight in Kansas City to gain control of the party machinery in Mississippi, have been blocked so far in getting their man recognized as national committeeman, but they believe that

Governor Bilbo has refused to sign the commissions of R. H. Henry of Jackson; J. C. Roberts of Cleveland; D. W. Robins of Tupelo; W. T. Denman of McComb; and W. A. Boone of Pontotoc, pending the outcome of the Senate investigation of the State Highway Department, which the governor said would show whether these re-elected commissioners had complied with the new law requiring them to make a report of all disbursements before being eligible for office. The new law also requires the commissioners to give a \$25,000 bond.

Assistant Attorney General Byrd's opinion said in part:

"The present situation with reference to the highway department, if you will bear in mind that the five commissioners whose bonds have not been approved by the governor, were re-elected by the people and held their office under an election prior to the beginning of the present term. Our constitution provides in Section 136, that all officers shall hold their offices during the term for which they were selected unless removed and until their successor shall be duly qualified. Section 2988 of Hemingway's code provides that the term of office of all officers, not otherwise provided by law, shall be four years and until their successors shall be qualified. And even though the bonds of the five commissioners have not been approved by the governor, yet the fact that each of the five commissioners previously duly commissioned as highway commissioners would give them color of right to the office if not the actual legal right."

#### JAMES WALTER RUSH.

James Walter Rush, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Flinn Rush who was born Monday and died seven hours later, was buried at the Machpelah cemetery Tuesday afternoon, Rev. J. M. Corley conducting a short service at the grave. Mr. and Mrs. Rush have the sympathy of their many friends here in the loss of their baby boy.

when Hoover takes office that the national committee will declare the place now held by Howard to be vacant, and thus pave the way for the naming of Rowlands as committeeman.

S. D. Redmond, of Jackson, negro lawyer recently disbarred by Chancellor V. J. Strickler, is chairman of the state Republican committee of the Howard faction. The Rowlands group has Ernest McCall Hawkins, of Corinth, as its chairman. Redmond, it is understood, has announced that he would move from the state. His departure would open the way for recognition of the Rowland's group.

In the meantime present federal job holders are placed in the predicament of not knowing to whom to look for continuance in office. They will welcome a speedy solution of the puzzling situation confronting them.

## DRAW ROAD BILL

### Recommendations, Based on Surveys and Traffic Census, Will Be Made to Legislature.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 16.—Appointment of a committee to make recommendations to the 1930 Legislature on a state highway program was announced here tonight by Thomas L. Bailey, of Meridian, speaker of the Mississippi House of Representatives.

The speaker's appointees are H. S. Stansel, Sunflower county; C. D. S. Bragg, Lowndes; J. L. Posey, Hinds; Arthur V. Smith, Jackson; and J. C. Scatterfield, Claiborne. They are to make such investigation as they see fit and prepare a report on the following phases of highway construction:

#### Phases to Be Considered.

Cost of construction of paving or surfacing suitable to the various highways of Mississippi.

Location of a restricted mileage of primary highways and such secondary or other highways as they believe best, taking into consideration traffic needs, to be obtained by a traffic census.

Cost of maintenance of various highway types and the advisability of contract or salary maintenance as a state policy.

Preparation of a suitable highway law to be printed and mailed to each legislator at least thirty days before the next regular session.

A definite highway financing policy with protection of finances for country roads.

Such other recommendations as the committee may think proper.

Under the House resolution creating the committee, offered by Walter Silvers, Jr., of Bolivar county, the state highway department is directed to cooperate with the committee in providing engineers and compiling information needed. The same resolution was first offered concurrently, but was killed when it reached the Senate.

#### Hold Opposite Views.

Two of the House leaders in highway legislation appear as members of the committee, Stansel and Smith, the two possessing opposite views on road financing, the question which largely caused a split between the House and Senate on the highway bills offered last year. Stansel is an advocate of the "pay-as-you-go" plan, having introduced a bill incorporating that feature which was passed by the House but died in the Senate, while Smith favored a bond issue in a measure introduced by him. The latter, however, said, he would support any bill he believed would provide a highway program for Mississippi.

While the naming of the committee was not completed until today, it is known that considerable work has already been done by some of its members, notably Stansel.

Rush

## Couple repeat vows in Mobile church

MOBILE, Ala. — Pamela Teresa Rush became the bride of Robert Derry Lewis Sept. 7 in an afternoon ceremony at Springhill Avenue United Methodist Church of Mobile, with the Rev. John D. Trobaugh officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mayford T. Rush and the late Wilbert R. Rush, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Lewis Jr. of Mobile.

Miss Chandra Dunnam, niece of the bride, offered a program of nuptial music at the piano, and vocal selections were presented for the candlelight ceremony by Ray Farnell. Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Downey of Mobile provided the processional, by opening an antique music box and letting its tune fill the air. The wedding was directed by Marie Bufkin.

Escorted by her brother, Julius G. Rush of Pascagoula, the bride wore formal imported bridal taffeta, its bodice fashioned with a Victorian collar of silk Venice lace. The lace was used to accent the plunging neckline, forming a wide ruffle, and classic

Baroque sleeves completed the dropped-waist bodice. The cathedral train was lavished with cascading ruffles. A Juliet cap of silk Venice lace held in place fingertip veils of bridal illusion. She carried cascading white roses, baby's breath and greenery, centered with Royal Bouquet orchids.

Debbie Cornish of Pascagoula served her sister as matron of honor, and other attendants were Carolyn Dunnam of Lucedale, sister of the bride; Belinda Jordan of Pascagoula, cousin of the bride; Julie Rush of Hurley and Lori Rush of Big Point, nieces of the bride, and D'leigh Lores, niece of the bridegroom, and Lynn Pipkins and Kittie Fearn, all of Mobile. Flower girls were Michelle Kountz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Rush of Wilmer, Ala., and niece of the bride, and Sarah Tanner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Tanner of Bay Minette, Ala.

The bridegroom was served by his father as best man, and by groomsmen G.B. Lewis III,

brother of the bridegroom, and Alex Manory, Tony Braddock, Randy Loftis, Lee Garrett and Randy Gibson, all of Mobile, and Kendall Wilson of Linden, Ala. Ushers were Darrin Rush of Big Point, nephew of the bride, and Perry Jones of Ralph, Ala. Ringbearer were Jeremy Rush, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Rush, and Brian Rush, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Rush, both nephews of the bride.

A reception followed in the garden of the home of the parents of the bridegroom, where guests were assisted by Donnie Rush of Big Point; Kathy Brooks and Cindy Hayberg of Lucedale; Judy Rush of Pascagoula, Sandra Rush of Wilmer, and Penny King and Audrey Gabel of Mobile.

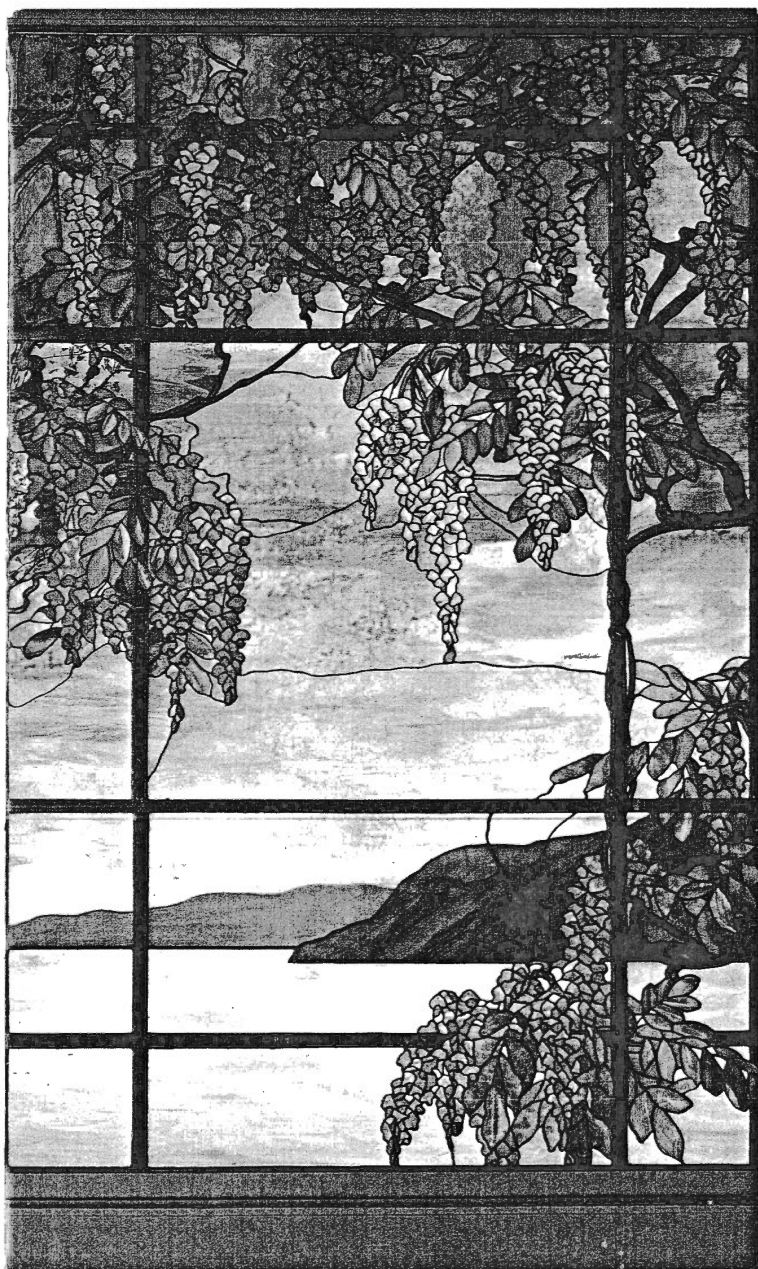
After a wedding trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, the couple are at home in Lucedale. On the eve of the wedding, the parents of the bridegroom entertained in their home with an *alfresco* rehearsal dinner, directed by Katherine Creamer.



Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Lewis

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a Rush who came to Va. either in 1635 or 1650. (They aren't dead certain whether it was the 1635 emigrant or the 1650 one.) I have all their papers (lots of deeds, but not much connection or proof. The same is true of the Port Gibson Rushes.) My grandfather Rush and later his son talked with descendants of this family a bout 1900 and decided they were 3rd or 4th cousins. I've figured out that any relationship at all would go back to 1750 or earlier. I do not believe my Rushes were of German descent. I'm going to write the William Isaac of Holly Hill SC -- though I'm sure his address is 20-30 old and I'll probably never hear from him -- about 15 Irish brother who settled in SC before the Revolution. If you'd like the papers of either of these Miss. Rush families, let me know.

Sincerely,

*Carolyn*  
Carolyn Gantt

*"The Signer" is said to have visited these ancestors of the east Miss. Rushes after they moved to N.C., the two Rush families being connected back in England.*

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*Rush*

April 3, 1984

Dear Pat,

I've done the best I could with these cards. I'm sorry I don't have more complete information, especially on the Rushes, but Jeptha's children didn't seem to keep in touch with each other very much.

I seem to have more data on later Dossetts than the earlier ones. Several family group sheets for the second and third generations in Mississippi listed exactly what you already had on a card -- names only.

I'm probably wrong about Mathilda Easterling. But in 1850 in Lauderdale County MS I found Eliza, Mathilda, Mary, and Caroline Rush living with their brother, John H. Rush. I never find them again. And since Mathilda Easterling joined Providence Baptist Church in August 1853 -- by letter -- along with Dorcas Dossett Willoughby, and "Miss Mary Rush" was received by letter in Dec. 1854, I made a connection in my mind. Then "Sister Mathilda Easterling" died 28 Apr. 1855, and Sister Mary Rush was granted a "letter of dismission" 28 July 1855. She could have married another Easterling, such as John, son of John W. and Eliz. Dossett Easterling, though he was a little younger. Or she could have been someone else entirely.

Thanks for the address of another Rush correspondent. There are precious few of them. I've already written her.

Sincerely, *Carolyn*  
Carolyn Gantt

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Rush, Wiley Washington 1845  
Mourning Amelia Easterling 1848  
Frances L. 1868  
John W. <sup>1870</sup>  
Samuel J. 1873 m. 1903 M A Wheeler  
Mary O. 1875 m. Easterling  
Walter O. 1877  
George W. 1879  
Margaret ("Maggie") m. Shows

Tisdale, Henry Thomas 1855  
Louisa Evelina Rush 1850  
S. A. (f) 1875  
W. M. (m) 1877  
N. M. (f) 1878  
M. L. (f) 1880  
Missouri Ella 1885 m. William Asa  
Breckenridge

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Creel, James P. 1844 (To Tx)

Rachel m. Busk 1848

Ellen 1862

Dossett, Moses Sc 1804 1823

Sarah Cady Ga 1800

Edmond 1826 m. Julia Lowery (b. 1841) 1868

Wm. 1828 m. Mrs. Eliza Ann McRaney

Abner 1830 m. <sup>1850</sup> Vashit, Louisa Bullock (b. 1836)

Francis m. 1836

John 1832

James 1838

Cynthia 1840

Priscilla 1843

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Easterling, John W. sc 1805  
Elizabeth Dossett sc 1809  
Sarah Ann 1829 Kelly  
Mary Ann 1830 - John Andrew Sellers 1834  
John 1833  
Martha Ann 1835 - King Richard Sellers 1830  
Evander P. 1837 - Elizabeth Page 1838  
Hansford D. 1839 - Nancy O'Neal  
James A. 1841 Margaret  
Candis 1846 - Simeon 1850  
Mourning A. 1848 - Wiley W. Rush 1846

Dossett, Thomas sc 1820  
Priscilla (Rogers?)  
James Warren 1849 m. Elizabeth (b. 1855)  
Edwin 1850  
John R. 1852  
Mary 1854  
Ansebel 1857  
Eugene 1876 grandchildren  
Laura A. 1880

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Dossett, Hansford <sup>Duncan</sup> 1824  
Rachel Dickison La 1823  
A. Theodore 1845  
Lafayette 1850  
Napoleon 1852  
Rudolphus 1854  
Amanda J. 1857  
Martha E. 1860  
John 1826?

Dossett, Andrew Jackson sc 1818  
Winney 1819  
Hansford 1848  
Thomas 1845  
J. (+) 1847  
Dorcas 1849  
Zilpha 1853  
John 1853  
Candis 1855  
Eliz. 1859  
over

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Dossett, Edwin<sup>W.</sup> sc 1813 1835  
Nellie O'steen  
William<sup>Lafayette</sup> 1838 m. Lucinda Odom of Alta TX  
Mary 1840 m. Jack/Josh Easterling  
~~Joseph 1842~~  
Joseph Edwin 1843 m. (1) 1865, Harriet  
Elizabeth Quick (b. 1844) see next card  
(2) Almyra Ware (m. 1888) She was b. 1855  
3 children

JOSEPH EDWIN DOSSETT 1843  
m. 1865 Harriet Elizabeth Quick 1843. Children  
born near Eatonville, Jones Co. MS:

William Lafayette 1867 m. 1902 Mabel Va. Dixon  
Laura 1869 m. 1907 Charles Huff  
Pendra Eugenia 1870 m. 1899 Wm. H. Henley  
Andrew Jackson 1871 m. 1896 Jennie D. Brown  
John W. 1873 m. Ella Wade

b. Terry, Hinds  
County, MS

Charlie W. 1874 unmarried  
Frances Corine 1876 m. 1895 John H. Gourlay  
Edwin Thomas 1879 died in infancy  
Joseph Lafayette 1880 m. Emma  
Emma Elizabeth 1880 m. G. R. Wilson  
Annie Bell 1882 m. 1900 Oscar Edward Francis  
Arthur Malcolm 1884 m. 1914 Daisy Leggett

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RUSH, JOHN WARREN 1843  
(1) 1867, Martha Mathilda Hamilton 1850  
(2) 1840, Margaret Ann Hamilton 1840  
Marrriage 1868  
(1) Robert Theodore 1867, m. 1887 Mary Ella Bryant  
(1) Wm. Washington 1869, m. 1889 Lura Annette  
Wall  
(2) Martha Victoria 1871 (1) 1890 Zachariah P.  
(2) John Baylis Quick  
(2) John Walter 1873 (1) 1900 Mae Hemeter  
(2) 1906 Louisa D. Smith  
(2) Mary Ella 1877, m. 1898 George Owen Taylor  
(2) Margaret Lorena 1886, m. 1909 Luther Sexton  
Thompson

Willoughby, Fielding K. 1827

Dorcas Dossett 1828

Mary M. 1850

Wm. R. 1852

Josephine M. 1857



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Dear Pat,

For fifty years I've been trying to work my way around two brick walls in my RUSH line in southeastern Mississippi -- one at either end, with 23 years in between. In 1819 two young men, John Rush and Jonathan Rush, appeared on the tax rolls of Greene and Jackson counties, respectively. I've tracked them on tax rolls and censuses (state as well as federal) until John's apparent death in 1834 and Jonathan's disappearance at the end of 1842. Each produced four daughters; Jonathan had three sons as well. Except that he was the only male Rush siring sons in southeastern Miss. during the 1820's, there is not a shred of concrete evidence that he was my ancestor. But my great-grandfather, Jephtha Rush, married in Jones County in December 1842, the same time when his apparent mother received her "letter of dismission" from the Leaf River Baptist Church in Covington County, which she had attended from 1832 to 1842, the entire time that the family lived in Jones County. Jephtha died less than ten years later, about 1851.

Who were the fathers of these two young men? (Jonathan was born ca 1793 -- John in 1795, according to a descendant.) Were they brothers, cousins, or no relation? At present I'm working on two candidates:

MOSES RUSH, on 1811 Wayne County tax roll.

SAMUEL S. RUSH, on 1817 territorial census of Washington Co. AL.  
(Samuel was probably the intended recipient of an "unclaimed letter for Mr. Rush" at the Old St. Stephen's post office in 1819.)

I know a little about both men, but not much. Both were in the 1800 SC census (I think) in the 16-26 age group, which says they were born 1774-1784. Both had two children under 10; Samuel, in Kershaw County, had two boys. Moses, in the Pendleton District, had one boy and one girl under 10.

Moses, Jesse, and Jephtha Rush were in the Franklin County, Ga., area as early as 1789. Jephtha had a number of deeds, but Jesse and Moses confined themselves to an occasional witnessing of deeds. In 1790 Jesse was in the Pendleton District, SC, but he later moved to Greene Co. Tenn., and stayed there. He was born 1769, someone wrote me, and had a daughter Margaret who married in 1831 and moved to Ind. Jephtha was a member of the Elbert Co. Ga. militia when that county was formed in Dec. 1790.

Moses was a travelin' man. Though he was in the Pendleton Dist. as late as 1803, when he witnessed a deed, his son Moses was born in "Indianny" in 1808 and his son Jesse was born in Florida in 1812, so Wayne County, Miss., was just a stop-over to catch his breath. His widow, Mary Rush, is on the 1820 Wayne County census. But before 1830 she and her two young boys and one girl have migrated eastward and northward to Madison County, Alabama, where they remained. It

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may be just a coincidence, but Jonathan and John Rush were missing from the tax rolls 1823-25 (John) and 1823-26 (Jonathan). The latter shows up with 21 more cattle in 1827 than he had in 1822, too. It must have been a profitable trip.

On the 1830 Jackson Co. Ala. census are about ten Rushes, including a Samuel (age 60-70). Jackson is just east of Madison Co. Ala., and in 1833 Samuel and wife sell their Jackson Co. land and move to Lauderdale County. I have not been able to get a copy of the deed yet, though. Descendants of Jephthah Rush of Ga. moved to Old Tishomingo County, Miss. All those counties seem to be in a direct line with Franklin Co. Ga. Curious, isn't it?

I know you are not a genealogist for other people, but are terribly busy doing a marvelous work, you and Jean, in reconstructing data from the burned southeastern Miss. counties. What I started out to ask in the beginning -- honestly -- is WILL YOU PLEASE CHECK YOUR FILES TO SEE IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE ON MOSES AND SAMUEL RUSH?? (In a form letter sent out in the fall of 1986 you offered to check your files, and I hope you still will.)

Let me point out that these are not the Pennsylvania or Virginia Rushes (so far as I know now). I have a lot on those -- far too much for my own good. They are not the ones who came to Kemper Co. about 1840, and later to Meridian. Nor are they the ones who came into the southwestern part of the state about 1812-13 and settled near Port Gibson and in Franklin County. I have their data, too.

Thanks a million for checking. I don't have much hope that you have anything ..... but then you never know.

Sincerely,

*Carolyn*

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*Also See:*

- 1. Huyett William - DeGroote*
- 2. The Family of Oliver Cromwell Tisdale & Edith M.  
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